

Remarks

Reconsideration of the objections set forth in the Office Action dated January 3, 2007 is respectfully requested.

Of pending claims 1-16, claims 1-8 and 16 were allowed and claims 9-15 were objected to. In an effort to address Examiner's objections, Applicants amended claims 9 and 10 as suggested by the Examiner suggested. Additionally, Applicants amended claim 14 to maintain consistency with claim 9. As claims 9, 10, and 14 were amended per the Examiner's suggestions, it is respectfully submitted that the objections to claims 9-15 have been overcome.

Conclusion

Therefore, in view of the amendments above and the remarks directed thereto, the Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and believe that the case may now be passed to issue. If a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned at (408) 868-4088.

Respectfully submitted,

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